

3 November 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Intelligence School

SUBJECT : Discussion with CI Staff Official  
on Foreign Visitor Briefings

25X1A9a 1. On 2 November, 1966 I received a call from [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
[REDACTED], CI Staff, relative to the briefings we give to  
foreign intelligence officials brought to this country by  
the DDP area divisions.

25X1A9a 2. The CI Staff seems to feel that we should not  
divulge classified material or show classified charts to  
these visitors. I explained to [REDACTED] that these briefings  
are requested by the divisions themselves, they are tailor-  
made, and that in each case we receive specific guidance  
from the divisions as to what they want us to cover.

25X1X7 3. My impression is that the CI Staff would like  
us to develop a prepared script for their approval to be  
used in these briefings. In my opinion this would be self-  
defeating in terms of DDP liaison objectives. In recent  
months we have been highly praised by senior officials in  
Africa and FE Divisions for briefings we have given to such  
people as [REDACTED]  
Intelligence Bureau, and [REDACTED], Director- 25X1X7  
[REDACTED] 25X1X7

25X1A6a 4. Both of these people were impressed with the  
frankness of the briefings (this frankness was desired  
by the division), and in the case of [REDACTED], we were 25X1X7  
told by the Chief of Station and Branch Chief, that our  
briefings had been to some extent responsible for better  
cooperation between our people in [REDACTED]  
Government. We have considerable evidence in writing and  
orally, of the area divisions' satisfaction with the way  
we are handling these briefings. Nor do I recall a single  
negative or qualifying statement from any of the DDP  
divisions during the period we have been performing the  
briefing function.

25X1A9a 4. I have suggested to [REDACTED] that we meet soon to  
discuss this problem but do not feel we should suspend  
discussion of classified information with any of these  
visitors unless so asked by the area divisions who are  
their sponsors.

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5. Although this is mainly a problem to be ironed out within the DDP, OTR, which conducts these briefings, has a vested interest. I think, for example, we would look pretty silly if we gave a Georgetown University unclassified-type briefing to the chief of a foreign intelligence service. The visitor would be insulted, the area division most unhappy, and OTR's image would not be helped at all!

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<p>Remarks:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">For your information in case the question should come to your attention through other channels. P.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.9em;">- It seems to me that the CE Staff or the Divisions should maintain and presentations &amp; if once satisfied let us get on with the job. This is, however, essentially something for the DDP to resolve on file.</p>			
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